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TO: Interested Agencies

RE: Draft 2009 Transportation Improvement Program - Consultation

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is preparing the Bay Area's 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is the Bay Area region's programming document containing public mass transit, highway and local road projects proposed for funding based on anticipated available federal, state and local funding over the next four years (fiscal years 2009-2012). Attached is the "Notice of Public Hearing" for the draft TIP. We welcome hearing from you regarding any concern you may have about the Draft 2009 TIP or about specific projects in the document.

Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA), the federal surface transportation act, includes requirements for expanded consultation with officials from agencies with interests in transportation planning and programming. In addition to written responses to the Draft 2009 TIP, MTC staff is happy to arrange a meeting with you to discuss any questions or concerns that your agency might have. MTC will also be holding a public hearing on the Draft TIP on April 9, 2008 to receive public testimony.

Additionally, we are in the process of updating the Bay Area's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Because of its comprehensive, 25-year vision, the RTP provides the earliest and the best opportunity for public agencies to influence MTC's policy and investment priorities for Bay Area Transportation. It is at this earlier RTP stage where investment priorities and major planning-level project design concepts are established, and broad, regional impacts of transportation on the environment are addressed. In contrast, the TIP is a short-term programming document detailing the funding and implementation schedules for projects previously adopted in the RTP. Therefore we also encourage your participation in the RTP development process. Questions about the RTP development and opportunities for consultation can be directed to Ashley Nguyen at (510) 817-5809

If you wish to further discuss your concerns about the 2009 TIP and/or set up a meeting date, please contact Craig Goldblatt of my staff at (510) 817-5837 or cgoldblatt@mtc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Alix Bockelman
Director, Programming & Allocations

cc: Scott Carson, FHWA
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Attachment - Notice of Public Hearing

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Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

The public is invited by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to comment on the following draft transportation programming documents:

- 1) **Draft 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** This is the region's transportation programming document that contains surface transportation project including, public mass transit, highway, local road, bicycle and pedestrian projects, proposed for funding based on anticipated available federal, state and local funding over the next four years that will receive federal funds or are subject to a federally required action or are regionally significant. The TIP must be financially constrained by year, and must be updated at least every four years. The Draft 2009 TIP was developed to be consistent with MTC's *Transportation 2030 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area*, the 25-year spending plan for transportation projects in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.
- 2) **Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Draft 2009 TIP:** MTC is also conducting a new air quality conformity analysis for the Draft 2009 TIP. Since the 2009 TIP does not include any new regionally significant projects beyond those currently included in the Transportation 2030 Plan, and these projects have been modeled in the appropriate horizon year using the latest planning assumptions, MTC will rely on the previous regional emissions analysis to make a conformity finding on the 2009 TIP.

Copies of the Draft 2009 TIP, which includes the financial constraint analysis and the Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis, will be available for public review on March 28, 2008, at the MTC Library, and at major public libraries in each of the nine Bay Area counties. They will be posted on the MTC Web site at <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/> or at <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip/index.htm>.

A public hearing to receive public testimony on these documents is scheduled during MTC's Programming & Allocations Committee. The hearing is set for:

Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., or immediately following
MTC's Administration Committee meeting, whichever occurs later.
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland
(Across from the Lake Merritt BART Station)

Written comments may be submitted to MTC's Public Information Office at 101 Eighth St., Oakland, CA 94607 or faxed to MTC at 510-817-5848 or sent via e-mail to <info@mtc.ca.gov>. Written comments are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday May 1, 2008. For more information, call MTC's Public Information Office at 510/817-5757. This notice also serves to satisfy the public involvement requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) annual Program of Projects.

At its May 14, 2008 regularly scheduled meeting, MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee will consider public comments received by the end of the comment period. MTC is scheduled to approve the air quality conformity analysis and the 2009 TIP on May 28, 2008, during its regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

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TO: Public Libraries, Interested Agencies, Organizations and Individuals

The Draft 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area have been released for public comment.

The federally required Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a comprehensive listing of Bay Area surface transportation capital projects that receive federal funds or are subject to a federally required action or are regionally significant. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region, prepares and adopts the TIP at least once every four years. The TIP covers a four-year period and must be financially constrained by year, meaning that the amount of dollars committed to the projects (also referred to as "programmed") must not exceed the amount of dollars estimated to be available. The 2009 TIP includes projects "programmed" in four fiscal years: FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10, FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12. The TIP must include a financial plan that demonstrates the programmed projects can be implemented, and must be accompanied by an evaluation and finding of air quality conformity.

Transit, highway, local roadway, bicycle and pedestrian investments are included in the TIP. Apart from some improvements to the region's airports, seaports, and privately owned bus and rail facilities, all regionally significant transportation projects or projects requiring federal action are part of the TIP.

MTC has developed the Draft 2009 TIP and Conformity Analysis in cooperation with the county Congestion Management Agencies, Caltrans, individual cities, counties, transit operators, and other project sponsors, and in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). All projects included in the TIP are consistent with the long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the *Transportation 2030 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area*.

Per federal regulations, the TIP was analyzed by MTC to determine if it conforms to the Bay Area's approved federal Air Quality Plan (also referred to as the State Implementation Plan, or SIP). Motor vehicle emissions were modeled, considering all projects in the TIP, and do not exceed the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget (MVEB) identified in the SIP.

Copies of the Draft 2009 TIP and Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis are available for public review at the MTC-ABAG Library, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, and at major public libraries in each of the nine Bay Area counties, and on the MTC Web site at: < <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip/index.htm> >

Prior to the formal consideration of the 2009 TIP and Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis, MTC will hold a public hearing and receive public comments.

Public Hearing: MTC will hold a public hearing on the Draft 2009 TIP and its Air Quality Conformity Analysis during MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee meeting on:
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The final 2009 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination are scheduled for adoption by MTC on May 28, 2008. Once approved by the Commission, the documents will then be forwarded to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for approval and inclusion into the Federal State Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Federal approval of the FSTIP is scheduled for early December 2008.

Sincerely,



Alix Bockelman
Programming and Allocations Director

Enclosures (for libraries only)